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- (1) Sagvari Endre Quartermaster OCS
- (2) Unidentified Units, Casualties, Atrocities and Weapons Observed during the Hungarian Uprising

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I. Military

1. (a) [redacted] Sagvari Endre Quartermaster OCS
(Sagvari Endre Hadtani Tiszti Iskola)
[redacted] This school consisted of
three student companies and one service company.
Two student companies were made up of quartermaster
candidates and one student company of Medical OCS
candidates.
- (b) This OCS was subordinate to the Quartermaster Group
Directorate of the Ministry of Defense in Budapest.
(Hadugy Miniszteriumnak a Hadbiztosai Csoport
Fonoksege Budapesten).
- (c) In September 1956 the estimated strength of the three
student companies was about 200, the strength of
the service company was about 50 enlisted men and
the staff of the school consisted of about 250 to
300 officers. [redacted]
[redacted] each Quartermaster OCS
company was supposed to have 150 candidates.

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- (d) [redacted] this OCS 25X1
[redacted] was located at the Sagvari Endre Gaserne in Budapest on Hungaria Blvd. numbers 7 and 9. 25X1
[redacted] this OCS was transferred to two different installations. The Quartermaster OCS company with its staff and instructors' section was transferred to Zrinyi Military Academy in Budapest and the Medical OCS company went to Robert Karoly Military Hospital in Budapest. 25X1
[redacted] the Sagvari Endre Gaserne was occupied by an unknown "A" type Rifle Regiment which [redacted] moved in as soon as the OCS contingent left. 25X1
- (e) [redacted] the Quartermaster OCS used a summer camp together with an unidentified Soviet unit. This camp was located on Szentendre Island on the Danube in Budapest. 25X1
- (f) See paragraph (d) above.
- (g) [redacted] 25X1
- (h) The Commanding Officer [redacted] Quartermaster OCS was Colonel Antal Ikker, Quartermaster Branch. The School Deputy CO and Political Officer was Lieutenant Colonel Sandor Fodor, Quartermaster Branch.
- (i) [redacted] this OCS it had the following major items of equipment: 25X1
- (1) Ten Csepel 3½ ton trucks.
 - (2) Five ZIS Soviet 3½ ton trucks.
 - (3) Two GMC US trucks with trailers.
 - (4) One Stalinyetz tractor.
 - (5) Twenty Csepel 250 cm. motorcycles.
 - (6) Seven or eight BMW German 350 cm. motorcycles.
 - (7) One Soviet Pobeda passenger car.
 - (8) Six or seven Soviet trucks, 4x4, GAZ-69.
- (j) [redacted] the Quartermaster OCS trained officers for general administrative and quartermaster duties. Graduates were qualified to become Food Supply Officers, Clothing Supply Officers or General Supply Officers. They were qualified to fill these positions on Regimental or Divisional levels. Graduates of the Medical Section of the OCS were qualified as fieldshers. 25X1

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2. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] in October 1956, prior to the national uprising, there was an unidentified Hungarian Armored Division Headquarters located at Aszod (N 47-39, E 19-29). [redacted] there was an unidentified Hungarian Armored Regiment in Dorog (N 47-43, E 18-44) and one in Esztergom (N 47-47, E 18-45). [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the above three Hungarian units were subordinate to an unidentified Corps Headquarters in Szekesfehervar (N 47-12, E 18-25). 25X1
3. [redacted] during the national uprising starting with 23 October 1956 several Hungarian units fought on the side of the people against the Communist oppressors. [redacted] the following units [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] were taking part in the uprising: An unidentified Engineer OCS located on Szentendre (N 47-42, E 19-06) Island; members of Killian, Gyorgy Military Caserne, members of Hungarian Military Airfields in Kecskeket (N 46-54, E 19-41) and Budaors (N 47-27, E 18-58) near Budapest; a unit located at the Kinizsi Caserne in Budapest; and an unidentified unit located at Pecs (N 46-05, E 18-13) in the Rifle Caserne. 25X1
4. [redacted] the members of the AVH (Internal Security Police) fought against the Hungarian people in the October uprising until they saw that the old Communist Regime was losing ground to the new democratized Nagy government. At that time the AVH members started escaping to Czechoslovakia or were hunted down and killed by freedom fighters. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] On 4 November 1956 when the Soviets took the offensive [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] persons dressed in Soviet uniforms with Soviet insignias who came to Budapest with the Soviet tanks. These persons spoke fluent Hungarian and it was general knowledge among the population that they were former AVH men who were hiding in Soviet uniforms. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the number of these AVH men who returned with the Soviet troops was quite large. It was rumored in Budapest that the Kadar regime promised 50,000 forints to each AVH member if order were restored in Hungary.
- Casualties in the Freedom Fight
5. [redacted] it was rumored in Budapest that from 23 October to 8 November 1956 approximately 40,000 Hungarians lost their lives in Budapest and also about the same number in other parts of Hungary. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] it was approximately 60,000 dead for Soviets and the AVH. From this figure he heard that approximately 15,000 or 20,000 were the casualties suffered in Budapest. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] an unidentified Soviet high-ranking officer made the statement that about 60,000 Hungarians will be deported to the Soviet Union because Soviet casualties numbered about 60,000. 25X1

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Atrocities

6. [] it was common knowledge that any Hungarian with a weapon and ammunition who was captured by the Soviets was shot on the spot. []

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[] execution of an AVH man. [] this man was hanged, gasoline was poured over him and he was "burned like a torch." Most of the AVH members, however, were shot if captured.

Fate of Hungarian Military Units Which Did not Take Part in the Fighting

7. [] on 22 October 1956 many CO's in the Budapest area were instructed to send as many of their men on leave as possible. As a consequence, in most of the casernes in Budapest there were only a small number of troops present when the revolution started. [] many of the troops on leave returned to Budapest and assisted the Freedom Fighters. []

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New Weapons Sightings

8. [] during the fighting in Budapest [] Soviet SP Guns of an unknown type which he estimated had a 152 mm caliber gun with a short barrel, and with a double baffle muzzle brake. [] the guns were very fast in turning and they appeared to execute a turn in one spot. ([] Comment: This was probably the JSU-152).

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